**NORWAY ITINERARY – 7 DAYS**

**DAY 1 –**

Arrive in Bergen. Pick up rental car from Hertz.

Drive to Stavanger – 5 Hours

[**Lodging**](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/7498875?source_impression_id=p3_1731359862_P3pBXs4q3PQz13kw) **–** Airbnb was an upstairs room in a father/son home.Very nice people and was nice to ask questions about the country on day 1 before venturing out on my own.

**DAY 2 –**

Signed up for a sunset hike to Pulpit Rock (Preikestolen) through Trip Advisor. Was contacted night before and notified they did not expect a sunset and I could join a later hike. I did and wanted to do a group activity first as I did not know if there were animals to worry about or how safe the country was. Was great to ask the guide all these questions and also since I was traveling solo the guide took some great photos of me on the rock.

Came back and explored the city of Stavanger a bit more before calling it an early night due to a long drive in the morning. Also visited nearby Tau, Norway where my family was from.

**DAY 3 –**

Stavanger to Voringfossen Waterfall – 5 hour drive.

Was a little underwhelmed with Vorginfossen and later discovered that Norway is so full of waterfalls I did not need to go out of my way to see this one.

[Lodging](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/19916673?source_impression_id=p3_1731360286_P3L23t4xotrjy5iQ) – I loved this mother-in-law suite style Airbnb underneath a family home. The view was beautiful and I sat on the porch and watched the sunset.

**DAY 4 –**

Drive from Leira to Dombas – 7 hours and continued on to Andalsnes – 1.5 hours.

Dombas to Andalsnes is one of the suggested train trips to take due to its beauty, but I was on a road trip so I did it by car. It was an absolutely stunning drive and I enjoyed being able to take my time and explore on the way including the Ringebu Stavkirke and the Kylling Bridge.

[Lodging](https://www.trollstigenresort.no/): - I stayed in a cabin at a resort in Andalsnes which was one of my favorite places I stayed on the whole trip. Would have loved more time there.

Must do in Andalsnes is the Rampestreken hike. It is not a long hike, but it is an intense hike. The view was amazing!

**DAY 5 -**

Andalsnes to Geiranger – Time of travel determined by time of year you travel. I went in May and the short cut road was not open yet. I had planned ot do the Atlantic Road Bike Ride, but was getting tired from all the driving on this trip so I would suggest spending more days in Norway so there is more time to do all the things that looked great.

[Lodging](https://www.facebook.com/WesteraasGard):– Westeras Gard in Geiranger was another favorite. I stayed in a cabin above the restaurant (that was not open when I was in town), but there are other cabins on site. The site also has trails where you can walk with goats and llamas as well as trails that bring you behind a waterfall.

**DAY 6 -**

Kayak the Geiranger Fjord – This was another trip highlight. The “season” had not quite started yet so it was just me and 2 guides on our kayak trip. The city was not overwhelmed with tourist yet and I really enjoyed my day there.

Drive to Bergen – 7.5 hours

**DAY 7 -**

Explore Bergen.

Did a floating sauna. Great experience, but would likely chose a different location to do this activity and not in the city.

**DAY 8 -**

Depart Bergen.

This trip was a bit exhausting trying to fit in everything I wanted to in just one week. Norway is far larger than I anticipated, and the drives were long. I didn’t enjoy how much of my time was spent in the car, however the bright side was the scenery is absolutely breath taking and I loved soaking it all in. I stopped at a rest stop in one location and a large waterfall was right across the road. My biggest suggestion to someone else wanting to do a similar trip would be to have more days for this trip. I will return to Norway as there is still a lot in northern Norway I want to see. A more expensive trip, but some of the most beautiful country I’ve seen.